

Bond Application

Applicant Information

Name of Library	Watchung Public Library, a branch of the Somerset County Library System
Name of Applicant(s)	Watchung Public Library; Borough of Watchung; Somerset County Library Commission of NJ
Type of Library	County
Project Name	Watchung Public Library New Building
Location of Project	Watchung
Street Address	31 Mountain Blvd. Block 1604, Lot 15
County	Somerset
Municipality	Watchung
ZIP Code	07069
State	NJ
Function of Building	Branch

Contact Person

Name	James Damato
Title	Borough Administrator
Telephone Number	908-447-7308
E-mail	jdamato@watchungnj.gov

General Project Information

If submitting multiple applications, rank the priority of this Project where 1 is highest, 6 is lowest.	1
Total cost of project \$	6599557
Total amount of funds requested \$	2872250

6.1 Project Description

6.1.1 What type of Project are you planning? Check all that apply.	Construction of new public library building
--	---

In addition, please cut and paste the text of the Executive	The Watchung Public Library (the Library) endeavors to receive a grant so it may move from its current structure (built in 1946 as a single-family
---	--

Bond Application

Summary in the box below. Note that you must press “Enter” in order to save the text.

home) to a functional space. Our growing Library looks to expand its public services. The need to move is obvious. The Library has not been operating at full capacity nor functionality because of various challenges, including spatial constraints, ADA non-compliance, outdated HVAC, and flooding, roofing, and electrical problems. The Library envisions moving out of the inadequate space and building a new modern structure to keep up with the contemporary functions it should provide. For years library supporters have advocated for remedying limitations. The NJ Construction Bond Grant Act presents an opportunity to make this vision a reality.

6.2 Project Information

i. Current size of library facility (in square feet)

6989

If no library facility existed prior to this proposed Project, check the box below

No library facility existed prior to this proposed Project

6.2.3 If the Project is solely a REPAIR project, select the type of project: (Check all that apply)

6.2.4 If the Project is solely a BARRIER-FREE project, select the type of project: (Check all that apply)

6.2.5 Does the Project require hazardous materials abatement and remediation?

No

If yes, explain below:

N/A

6.3 Land Purchase Projects Additional Requirements

6.3.1 What is the status of land acquisition necessary for this Project?

Not purchasing land

Does the proposed Project require any documentation from the following:

List any other agencies:

N/A

6.3.4 To the best of the Applicant’s knowledge, is there any pending threatened litigation related to the undertaking, construction, or operation of this Project?

No

Bond Application

If yes, explain below: N/A

6.4 General Information (as applicable)

Name	Anthony Iovino
Firm	Arcari Iovino Architects
Address	1 Katherine St, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
Telephone	201 641-0600
New Jersey Registration Number	21AI01172000
Email	aiovino@aiarchs.com

Name	N/A
Firm	N/A
Address	N/A
Telephone	N/A
New Jersey Registration Number	N/A

Email

Name	N/A
Firm	N/A
Address	N/A
Telephone	N/A
New Jersey Registration Number	N/A

Email

Name	N/A
Firm	N/A
Address	N/A
Telephone	N/A
New Jersey Registration Number	N/A

Email

6.5 Cost Estimate

6.6 Proposed Method of Project Financing

Bond Application

6.7 State Library Aid

6.7.1 Did the library meet the minimum criteria for receipt of State Library Aid the prior calendar year?

Yes

6.8 Application Documents